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Hi,

I would like to go on the record as opposing the Proposed Final Judgement in the US v Microsoft case.

I don't think that the Proposed Final Judgement will do anything to foster competition in the marketplace as there are too many loopholes (specifically, the "security exemption" in disclosing APIs - this is not specifically defined, and is therefore open to lengthy court cases for interpretation). Put this together with the fact that the proposed remedies will expire in 5 years (with a possible 2 year extension), and it would be easy for Microsoft to simply wait out the term of punishment and then continue it's illegal and anticompetitive practices. (And with ~\$36 billion in the bank, Microsoft definitely has the cash to survive that long).

Once again, I would like to voice my strong opposition to this Proposed Final Judgement.

Thank you,
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